

### MDR Tracking Number: M4-03-7065-01

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 5-19-03.

#### I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes: 22830-79, 22852-79 and 63709-79.

#### II. FINDINGS

The respondent denied reimbursement based upon "G – This procedure is included in another procedure performed on this date."

#### III. RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MAR\$ (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
9-17-02	22830-79	\$3500.00	\$0.00	G	\$3338.00 X 50% = \$1669.00	Exploration of spinal fusion Surgery GR (I)(D)(1)(b)	Operative report supports service rendered. Per '94 GSDOS this is not global, reimbursement of \$1669.00 is recommended.
9-17-02	22852-79	\$1300.00	\$0.00	G	\$1264.00 X 50% = \$632.00	Removal of posterior segmental instrumentation Surgery GR (I)(D)(1)(b)	Operative report supports service rendered. Per '94 GSDOS this is not global, reimbursement of \$632.00 is recommended.
9-17-02	63709-79	\$3500.00	\$3000.00	No Code	\$3237.00	Repair of dural/CSF leak	Additional reimbursement of \$237.00 is recommended.
TOTAL							The requestor is entitled to reimbursement of <b>\$2538.00</b>

#### IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes, 22830-79, 22852-79 and 63709-79, in the amount of **\$2538.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$2538.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 14th day of January 2005.

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Medical Review Division